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GENEVA FOR US TEXTILE TEAM

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1. AFTER A BRIEF PROTOCOL VISIT WITH SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
U.S. TEXTILE TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY AN EMBOFF MET WITH AMBASSADOR NEGRE
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OF THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CEDOPEX, AND MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 TO DISCUSS
TEXTILE TRADE ISSUES AND MEANS OF RESOLUTION. THE DISCUSSIONS EXPLOR
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IN DETAIL THE OBJECTIVES AND PROVISIONS OF THE MFA, THE NATURE OF AND
RATIONALE FOR THE U.S. TEXTILE TRADE PROGRAM, THE RAPID EXPANSION
OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. BOTH IN THE AGGRE-
GATE AND SENSITIVE CATEGORIES, AND THE RELATED STATISTICAL DATA AS
REALIGNED TO THE NEW U.S. TEXTILE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM WHICH BECOMES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978.

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2. IN HER OPENING STATEMENT AMBASSADOR NEGRETTE NOTED THAT SHE AND
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HER TEAM WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO LISTEN
CAREFULLY AND TO FORWARD THE TEXTILE TEAM'S COMMENTS TO HER GOVERNMENT
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DURING THE COURSE OF THE SESSIONS SHE ADHERED STRICTLY TO HER IN-
STRUCTIONS ASKING VERY FEW QUESTIONS. SHE DID REQUEST AN AIDE MEM-

OIRE FROM THE U.S. TEAM SUMMARIZING THE DISCUSSIONS AND OUTLINING THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT THE U.S. WANTED IN AN AGREEMENT. THE U.S. TEAM PREPARED A SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS FOR HER, BUT EXPLAINED THAT A DETAILED PROPOSAL COULD ONLY BE PRESENTED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MIDWAY THROUGH THE TALKS, THE U.S. TEAM MET WITH THE DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY, DR. LICELOTTE MARTE DE BARIOS, POINTING OUT THAT PROGRESS ON TECHNICAL MATTERS HAD BEEN SO REPID THAT THE U.S. TEAM WANTED TO DISCUSS AGAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS. DR. MARTE REPLIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS NOW WERE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF (1) THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, 2) THE GODR'S LACK OF PREPARATION, AND 3) THE ECONOMIC CRISIS CAUSED BY THE RECENT IMPOSITION OF THE ADDITIONAL U.S. SUGAR TARIFF AND FEE. SHE STRESSED THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE USG'S PROPOSED TEXTILE RESTRAINTS WITH RECENT PLEDGES BY MRS. CARTER TO HELP ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN, WITH AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE VALIDITY OF THE DR'S PROBLEM REGARDING THE TIMING OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATED INTEREST IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION TOWARD CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT. DR. MARTE NOTED THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF HER COMMENTS AND ASKED THAT THE GODR'S REASONS FOR NOT NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT NOW NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GODR TECHNICAL LEVEL OFFICIALS.

4. IN A FINAL SESSION WITH THE U.S. TEAM AND THE EMBASSY CHARGE' AFTER COMPLETION OF THE TECHNICAL TALKS, SECRETARY OF STATE JIMENEZ INDICATED THAT DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO NEGOTIATE TEXTILES BEFORE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SPRING ELECTION WAS NOT EASY. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE GODR COULD BENEFIT FROM EARLY NEGOTIATIONS, IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT INSECURITY OF FOREIGN INVESTORS, AND THE DELICATE STATUS OF THE TEXTILE MFA. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS POINT IN TIME WOULD BE "FATAL." HE AND DR. MARTE BOTH STRESSED THE GODR'S WILLINGNESS TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER ELECTIONS. THE U.S. TEAM REITERATED THE USG INVITATION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AND SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
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